## We claim:

- 1. A step support method for use in the manufacturing of straight or curved stairs, comprising:
- a contiguous sheet of metal;
- a plurality of cutouts proportionate to the rise and run of a desired step;
- a plurality of flanges to which a plurality of treads and risers may be attached to form said desired step;
- a flange or surface wherein the said step support can be mounted or attached to a structure.
- 2. The step support of claim 1 wherein an adjoining surface of sheet metal is load bearing.
- 3. The step support of claim 1 wherein a flange formed on the bottom edge of the stringer provides extra strength.
- 4. The step support of claim 1 wherein a flange formed on the bottom edge of the stringer creates a surface to attach finished or structural materials or walls.
- 5. A step support method wherein the tread support flanges have slits by which means the stringer can flex.
- 6. The step support of claim 5 with material laminated on at least one side of stringer.
- 7. The step support of claim 5 with material laminated on at least one side of stringer providing a surface whereby finished or structural materials can be attached to the underside of stairs.